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Please find attached my comments with regards to the Microsoft Settlement

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Regards

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support of the Microsoft settlement in the federal antitrust case. As a Microsoft supporter, I have followed the case against Microsoft with much interest. I do not believe that the federal case is justified in the first place, yet I welcome any resolution that the enactment of this settlement will bring. Thus, I urge the Department of Justice to enact the settlement at the end of January.

In addition, the concessions made by Microsoft through this mediation process are extensive. Microsoft will now license Windows at the same rate to all computer makers, disclose the internal protocols of Windows to competitors, and redesign Windows XP to provide for easy replacement of parts of it by competing software. Enough is enough. I do not believe that Microsoft could do much more in this dispute, and has been punished enough through the concessions it has already made.

Please enact the settlement reached in November and end this issue once and for all.

Sincerely,

Michael Sharp

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